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Sept. 30th 1891.

Strong breezes from the North with some snow, steering by the wind on Port tack all day. The "Island" to the N.W. twenty or thirty miles. Two ships in sight.

October 1st 1891

All these 24 hours strong breezes from the N.W. cold and rugged, cruising to the S.E. of the "Island" saw a number of Bowheads all going quick. Landed once but did not see him from the boats. Saw a number of ships to the N.E. of us.

Also saw the pack ice between us and the Island.

Oct. 2nd

All these 24 hours calms and light air from the N.W.

Ship cruising to the S.E. of the "Island" landed twice today for two different "Bowheads" but could not hook one. Whales going to the Westward quick. Saw some "ships" to the N.E.

Oct. 2nd

Calm all day. Ship lying around untill just before dark got a little breeze from the E.S.E. stood into the N.E. saw sixteen ships, a number of them chasing, no catch.

Have seen one "Bowhead" today going like the "Devil" to the N. did not land.

"Herald Island" about thirty miles to the N.W.

in the Arctic Ocean season of 1891

October 2^d 1891

All the 24 hours moderate breezes from the N. Ship lying around under the lee of the ice.

Weather cold and air full of frost smoke from the water.

Twenty "Ship & Sirs" in sight.

A number of them chasing, no catch. Hoisted "BK Alice Knowles" who reports, "Brig Alexander" & "Schr Bonanza" each with one whale, making but five whales taken up to date that we have heard of. Later spoke "BK Josephine."

Oct. 3rd

Light breezes from the North, with some fog and snow, steering to the Eastward most all day, along the edge of the ice, in company with most of the fleet. Saw "Schr Rosario" & BK "Alice Knowles" chasing, no catch.

Oct. 4th

Begins with moderate breezes from N.E. Ship, cruising, saw a number of "Bowheads" coming from the ice, and going to the S.W. like the "Devil", landed and chased in company with the "Andrew Hicks" & "Gambelane".

S.B. went on and stuck but had a long dart and iron did not go in far enough to hold.

Sever after. The Josephine's boat went on and missed. Later saw "Gambelane" take a whale.

"Jessie Freeman" Hunter and a number of ships to the leeward chasing, no catch.